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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "**DEVICE FOR HOLDING PIPES**"  
- Patrick Vantouroux

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 7 page specification, 2 pages of claims (Claims 1-9), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 7 drawings on 6 sheets (Figures 1-7). The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Patrick Vantouroux for the above-entitled invention.

Applicant hereby claims priority to French Patent Application No. FR 02/10168 filed on August 9, 2002. Enclosed is a certified copy of French Patent Application No. FR 02/10168.

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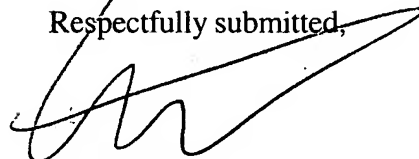
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